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SUBJ: DRAFT MESSAGES FOR PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT LEADERS

1. WITHIN THE NEXT THREE WEEKS, PORTUGAL WILL PROBABLY HAVE A NEW GOVERNMENT AND MARIO SOARES WILL FORMALLY RELINQUISH HIS DUTIES AS PRIME MINISTER. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE SECRETARY TO SEND MESSAGES TO SOARES, TO THE NEW PRIME MINISTER, AND THE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER. TEXTS OF POSSIBLE MESSAGES ARE SUGGESTED BELOW FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERATION. SUGGEST ALSO THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSULT AMBASSADOR BLOOMFIELD ON THESE MESSAGES. HE IS ON HOME LEAVE IN MAINE AND CAN BE REACHED AT TELEPHONE NUMBER 207-667-5605.

2. DRAFT MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO MARIO SOARES:
QUOTE: DEAR DR. SOARES: AS YOU RELINQUISH YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS PRIME MINISTER, PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE. THE CLOSE COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WHICH EXISTS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IS A TRIBUTE TO YOUR OWN DEDICATION TO THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. WARM REGARDS, CYRUS VANCE END QUOTE.

2. DRAFT MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO NOBRE DA COSTA:
QUOTE DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: PLEASE ACCEPT MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APPOINTMENT AS PRIME MINISTER OF PORTUGAL. I LOOK FORWARD TO MAINTAINING THE SPIRIT OF
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COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. YOU HAVE MY BEST WISHES FOR THE SUCCESS OF YOUR EFFORTS TO CONSOLIDATE PORTUGUESE DEMOCRACY AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY IN THE DAYS AHEAD. WARM REGARDS, CYRUS VANCE END QUOTE.

3. DRAFT MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER:

QUOTE DEAR MR. FOREIGN MINISTER: PLEASE ACCEPT MY WARMEST
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RECENT APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN
MINISTER. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINING CLOSE AND
PRODUCTIVE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND
HOPE THAT YOU AND I MIGHT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET
PERSONALLY IN THE COMING MONTHS. WARM REGARDS, CYRUS
VANCE END QUOTE.
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